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Applicant's or agent's file reference 2574651/EJH/sjw	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>FOR FURTHER ACTION</div> <div>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</div> </div>	
International application No. PCT/AU02/01326	International filing date (day/month/year) 27 September 2002	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 27 September 2001
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This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. <input type="checkbox"/> the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)). b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing: <input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application in written form. <input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. <input type="checkbox"/> the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. <input type="checkbox"/> the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.	
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4.	With regard to the title, <input type="checkbox"/> the text is approved as submitted by the applicant. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows: STEM-LOOP VECTOR SYSTEM
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6.	The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> as suggested by the applicant. <input type="checkbox"/> because the applicant failed to suggest a figure <input type="checkbox"/> because this figure better characterizes the invention </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <input type="checkbox"/> None of the figures </div> </div>

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
Int. Cl. ⁷ : C12N 15/66		
According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) IPC (WPIDS), CA		
Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched SEE BELOW		
Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used) WPIDS, MEDLINE, CA, BIOSIS: Keywords: stem, loop, hairpin, spacer, linker, inverted repeat, cloning site ...		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US A 6054299 (CONRAD) 25 April 2000	1-41
A	WO A 98/18811 (CONRAD) 7 May 1998	1-41
<input type="checkbox"/> Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See patent family annex		
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PCT/AU02/01326**Box I** Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos : 42-43
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
Claims 42 and 43 do not define the matter for which protection is sought in terms of the technical features of the invention (Rule 6.3(a), Part B: Rules Concerning Chapter I of the Treaty).
3. ☐ Claims Nos :
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report			Patent Family Member		
US	6054299	NONE			
WO	9818811	AU 51595/98	EP 948513	US	5814500
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